

## Mayor Awards \$350,000

TO 32 SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS  
**12 additional awards go to Public School Partnerships**



*Mayor Nickels and Sally Clark with April 2007 Matching Fund Award Winners.*

SEATTLE - Mayor Greg Nickels today announced 32 neighborhood projects that will receive more than \$350,000 in matching funds from the Department of Neighborhoods. The money will support projects across the city, covering subjects as diverse as public art, race and social justice, youth-development, and climate protection.

"These awards recognize our neighborhoods' commitment and creativity in tackling a wide range of challenges, from protecting our climate to opening up the doors of opportunity for our children," Nickels said. "These projects will truly make a difference in people's lives."

Four times a year, Small and Simple Project Fund Awards are given to groups committed to building a better community. The funding is matched by locally raised money, donated materials, and volunteer labor. The awards range from \$1,105 to \$15,000. Communities will match the city's \$352,318 contribution with resources valued at \$478,383.

"Seattle is a city of great neighborhoods because our citizens choose to make a difference in the places where they live," said Sally Clark, City

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Council chair of the Economic Development and Neighborhoods Committee. "It is both the city's responsibility and honor to support the work of these civic leaders who are investing in their communities."

The Department of Neighborhoods is also funding the Public School Partnership project, which connects

schools, families and communities. As a pilot project, the Neighborhood Matching Fund will award up to \$30,000 for projects targeting 28 schools in south Seattle. As with other Neighborhood Matching Fund awards, community contributions are required. 12 projects were awarded for a total of \$359,068.

Another group of awards were the Rainier Beach Youth Initiative, a summer program which aims to expand employment, education, recreation, and public safety programs for teens living in the Rainier Beach neighborhood. Over \$70,000 went into these five projects.

"The mayor's and the city's commitment to community building and civic engagement is clear," said Stella Chao, Director of the Department of Neighborhoods. "These projects include a number of the mayor's priorities, including new funding categories in climate protection, public school partnerships, and the opportunity for youth."

The Small and Simple Projects Fund is one of four Neighborhood Matching Fund components. It provides up to \$15,000 to support community-driven projects. Seattle neighborhoods have completed more than 3,100 projects during the past 19 years with the Neighborhood Matching Fund. Visit our website at [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf) to find out more. 🌐



*Mayor Nickels chats with Beacon Hill Elementary Principal Susie Murphy. Beacon Hill were a recipient of Public School Partnership funds, and graciously hosted the award ceremony and workshops that followed.*



*Aside from project awards, community members also attended workshops by Matching Fund staff, that teach organizers how to engage their neighbors, write a successful matching fund application, and tips on managing projects.*



# Mayor announces increased services FOR IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

**More translation services, business training opportunities  
and community-based support**

**Duqa Magaalada ayaa ku dhawaaqay kordhinta adeegyada loogu talagalay dadka hijrada ku yimid  
iyo qaxootiga**

*Adeegyada turjubaanka oo dheeraad ah, fursadaha tababararka ganacsiga iyo taageerada bulshada ku saleysan*

**이민자와 난민들을 위한 서비스 증진에 관한 시장의 발표  
번역서비스, 비즈니스 트레이닝의 기회와 지역사회에 기반을 둔 지원 증대**

**市长宣布为移民和难民增加的服务项目  
更多的翻译服务，商业培训机会和基于社区的支持**

**El Alcalde anuncia una mayor cantidad de servicios  
para inmigrantes y refugiados**

*Más servicios de traducción, oportunidades de capacitación laboral y apoyo comunitario*

**Iniaanunsiyo ng Mayor ang karagdagang serbisyo  
para sa mga imigrante at refugees.**

*Para sa maraming serbisyonang may kaugnayan sa pagsasalang-wika, mga oportunidad para sa pagsasanay sa trabaho at suportang naka-base sa komunidad*

**Thị Trưởng công bố việc tăng cường dịch vụ cho cộng đồng di dân và người tị nạn  
Tăng cường các dịch vụ thông dịch, cơ hội học nghề và sự trợ giúp trong cộng đồng**

Mayor Greg Nickels announced steps Seattle is taking to improve services to Seattle's growing immigrant and refugee population. Improved translation and interpretation services, technical assistance for immigrant-owned businesses, increased access to city grants and an advisory board focused on immigrant and refugee issues are just some of the actions included in the mayor's plan.

"Though the growing number of immigrants and refugees in Seattle come from different parts of the world, they all share a desire to build a new and better life in this country," Nickels said. "I'm committed to removing barriers to that better life and ensuring that this city serves all of its residents equally. We all benefit when we are all included."

"We welcome immigrants and refugees to Seattle. They bring new energy, an eagerness to learn and work and to improve their lives," said Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, chair of the Housing, Human Services and Health Committee. "Seattle will work to eliminate any obstacles to their efforts to succeed."

"We are delighted that the city is announcing this important immigrant and refugee action plan," said Pramila Jayapal, founder and executive director of Hate Free Zone. "The city has provided critical support in the past for immigrants and refugees, such as prohibiting city employees - including police officers - from routinely asking for immigration status, and accepting other forms of identification, such as Mexican identification cards. The city has also strongly endorsed the call for comprehensive immigration reform. Our communities have been calling for an action plan such as this, including the component of a new Immigrant and Refugee Advisory Board, and we are very pleased to see the city taking very seriously the need to provide immigrant communities with improved access to city services."

Seattle is working to promote full participation of immigrants and refugees in the economic, social and civic life of the city. In 2005, the city spent \$7.4 million on 75 targeted programs that provided counseling and fam-

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## BALLARD PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS

Three new public safety concerns in Ballard surfaced during May.

- The Seaview Neighborhood Association has requested that SPD tour locations in their neighborhood noted for use by transients and others who create difficulty for the surrounding neighborhood. This small community, located just west of the Ballard Locks, has a number of undeveloped areas including street ends and property owned by BNSF
- Ballard Chamber of Commerce has requested the Ballard District Coordinator arrange for a community meeting involving SPD and the City Attorney's Office to address what many consider to be a growing problem with auto related crime in Ballard's central business district.
- The Ballard District Coordinator is working with a group of commercial and industrial business and property owners who wish to explore retaining the services of a private security company to patrol their business premise after hours. Specifications and costs are currently being developed for this service. SPD will be consulted before any program is launched.

## BALLARD HOLDS ANTI-CELEBRATION OF ITS 100 YEARS SINCE ANNEXATION

On May 29, a large crowd gathered at Ballard's Bell Tower, located on the site of the former Ballard City Hall, to acknowledge that 100 years has transpired since the City of Ballard was annexed by Seattle. To replicate the May 29, 1907 public event, the Bell Tower was draped in black, speeches were made by a few local dignitary types, and the City Hall fire bell was rung 22 times. "Free Ballard" arm bands and bumper stickers were distributed along with water bottles whose labels read "Seattle, we don't need your stinkin' water".

## CENTRAL

### 24TH & PIKE/PINE BLOCK WATCH

Residents have organized around recent gunfire in their neighborhood. The group is planning to work with the Seattle Department of Transportation to remove weeds from traffic circles and plant drought tolerant plants. Ms. Laura Raymond, of the P-Patch Program, has offered the group drought tolerant plant seeds for their project. SDOT is coordinating the weed removal effort with a pre-existing neighborhood stewardship group. In conjunction with the Madison Capitol Hill group, the 24th Avenue group coordinated a clean up event that was a success.

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ily support, education and English-as-a-second-language services, information and outreach. The city knows it needs to do more. Recognizing the need for a comprehensive strategy to better serve Seattle residents with limited English proficiency, Nickels developed the Immigrant & Refugee Report and Action Plan.

The plan identifies issues and actions regarding:

- Access to services and information
- Protection of civil rights
- Civic engagement
- Work force and economic development
- Service delivery

Input provided by members of Seattle's immigrant and refugee communities, city staff, community leaders and service organizations helped shape this plan. And, because Seattle is not the only city grappling with these challenges, city officials also took a look at what other governments are doing to meet the needs of their immigrant and refugee communities.

The city now offers improved interpretation services over the phone and is conducting a pilot translation/interpretation program at two neighborhood service centers - Lake City and Southeast Seattle. Using special telephones, interpreters will be available to help customers who visit either of these service centers.

Last week, Nickels announced the newly renamed Customer Service Bureau (formerly known as the Citizens Service Bureau) will now serve as an initial point of contact for immigrants and refugees seeking city services. Telephone translators will be available to all who call 684-CITY (2489) or visit the bureau's downtown office.

The city is also establishing an Immigrant and Refugee Advisory Board to advise the mayor and City Council on relevant issues. The board is expected to hold its first

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meeting in September. This is just one example of the city's plans to enhance its outreach efforts to immigrant and refugee communities.

In addition, the city will collaborate with community partners to develop special courses on U.S. laws and customs and vocational English, and will make citizenship assistance more available and provide more employment training opportunities, which immigrants can access. Seattle will also make it easier for small immigrant-and-refugee-run service organizations to apply for grants to meet their communities' needs. The city plans to work with East African communities to assess community needs and strengthen their capacity to meet those needs.

Earlier this year, the mayor signed an executive order to improve citywide translation and interpretation services. For example, it calls for translating vital documents, such as an explanation of city services, consent and complaint forms, notices of rights, and notices of free language assistance into Spanish, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin, Somali, Tagalog and Korean. These are the primary languages spoken by a substantial number of Seattle residents.

The new translation and interpretation policy complements the city's existing Web site which indexes documents that have been translated into one or more languages. Twenty-five languages are represented. In 2006, the city improved department access to in-house interpretation services. Multilingual employees register to be part of an "Employee Language Bank," which lists those able to assist with the short-term, immediate language needs of people seeking access to city services and programs.

The mayor's plan can be reviewed viewed online at his Web site: <http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/issues/rsji/I&RIInitiative.htm>

# HAPPENINGS

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### CAPITOL HILL FARMERS MARKET BACK IN THE SWING

The Friday Farmers Market, located at E Union St and Martin Luther King Jr. Way, is in full swing. The hours are from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Farmers Market features an array of organic fruit and vegetables, along with arts, crafts and pastries.

### CLEAN UP PROJECTS

Residents in the 28th & Norman, the 24th & Olive, and Madison & 22nd areas have organized neighbors to clean up their neighborhood. Seattle Public Utilities provided bags and grippers to both groups. The groups are challenged with an unfortunate amount of litter.

### 12TH AVENUE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The 12th Avenue Planning Committee was presented with potential artwork that would be displayed on banners along 12th Ave. The colorful banners would be placed on light poles and would read: Live, Work, Learn and Play. The theme would represent Seattle University, the businesses, and the new housing along the Avenue.

The Planning Committee continues to express interest in converting a City owned parcel at 12th and E James Court into a neighborhood pocket park.

## DELRIIDGE

### DENNY/SEALTH PROPOSAL CONCERNS COMMUNITY AND TEACHERS

The Seattle Public School District has proposed to build a new Denny Middle School on the same campus as Chief Sealth High School. This plan concerns many residents, parents, teachers, and even students at both schools. At a meeting held this month at Chief Sealth, teachers, a few parents, and approximately 100 students packed the school's "little theater" to listen to school officials explain their plan. They said that by building Denny on the Sealth campus the school district would get the "most bang for our buck", about \$50 million allocated to the project by the recently approved BEX (Building Excellence) III Levy. Sealth would receive a new heating system, electrical system, and some improvements including windows, carpets on the floors and perhaps some new lighting. This would happen whether a new Denny is built on the Sealth campus or at its present location. There are some teachers and students at Sealth who feel what they have to give up would not be worth it. That includes sharing the auditorium, getting a smaller gymnasium, and losing a significant portion of their campus. Another main concern expressed by students and staff alike was the potential for increased security issues (violence, drugs, sexual encounters, etc.) between Sealth and Denny students. Sealth staff conducted a vote where 54% voted against placing the schools

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together, 9% voted yes, and 28% were undecided. The Westwood Neighborhood Council feels the school district has done a very poor job of notifying near-by residents and has done next to nothing to encourage community involvement.

### GREAT TURNOUT FOR DELRIDGE DAY AND PARKS DEDICATIONS

The Delridge Day Celebration, Park Dedication, and Community Resource Fair was a great success. More than 200 community neighbors came together to enjoy ethnic entertainment, food, and festivities. There were more than 20 financial, social, housing, environmental, educational, and other community organizations and agencies participating, including the popular mounted horse patrol unit. Family members of former Delridge activist Greg Davis, who died from AIDS several years ago and donated land to the Parks Department, were present to hear the formal dedication of Greg Davis Park, the new Cottage Grove Park, and redeveloped Delridge P-Patch Garden. The North Delridge Neighborhood Council received Neighborhood Matching Funds to help plan and organize the event.

### SOUTH DELRIDGE

An incident occurred at the Rozella Café, a popular neighborhood meeting place in the city's South Delridge business district near White Center. A man outside the café began to scream obscenities and make violent threats toward the owner. The man blamed the café owner for having him evicted, after the owner complained repeatedly about drug dealing and other illegal activities at the apartment building located above the café. The owner locked himself, his 9-year-old son, and seven patrons inside the café and called the King County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number, which later transferred the call to a Seattle Police dispatcher. However, by calling the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number, rather than directly dialing 911, the response time to the situation was delayed. By the time police officers arrived, the violent man was gone. This left the café owner upset and unfairly blaming the Seattle Police Department. The following week at a South Delridge/White Center Weed and Seed community meeting, Chief Kerlikowske apologized for the unfortunate communication mishap, and according to CPT officers, the conflict between the owner and former tenant has since been addressed.

## EAST

### BROADWAY SPRING SWEEP EVENT

On Sunday, May 13, 2007 store owners, businesses, local non-profit agencies, and residents of adjacent neighborhoods to the Broadway business district met to participate in the "Broadway Spring Sweep

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## Mayor Renames Citizens Service Bureau

### 'CUSTOMER' SERVICE BUREAU

**New name reflects renewed  
emphasis on providing first-rate  
customer service**

Mayor Greg Nickels announced that the Citizens Service Bureau will now be called the "Customer Service Bureau" (CSB) to reflect the city's renewed emphasis on providing first-rate customer service.

"Customer service is what we're all about, whether you're calling for help resolving a complaint or just need information," Nickels said. "Navigating the city bureaucracy can be daunting but the Customer Service Bureau staff is there to make it as easy as possible. The name change also sends the message you don't have to be a citizen to call for help."

The CSB provides information, solves problems, and resolves complaints regarding any department of the city of Seattle. It's a one-stop telephone number for all questions about city government services, and no problem is too big or too small. The CSB also provides interpreter services in more than 160 languages. While the phone number remains (206)684-CITY (2489), the Web site has changed to

<http://www.seattle.gov/customerservice/>. The city of Seattle wants to hear from you!

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Event". The clean up included sweeping the streets, removing graffiti from public and private property, and removing used hypodermic needles stashed in bushes along the Broadway district.

The clean up received funding from the Department of Neighborhoods Small & Simple program and was organized by the Broadway Business Improvement Association with support of neighborhood organizations throughout the Hills.

### BROADWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

After the Sunday, May 13, 2007 "Broadway Spring Sweep Event", the business and residential community is getting ready for the public safety challenges that occur every year after the weather begins to improve and the homeless street population increases.

At this point, an older population of street folks outnumber the youth homeless community that usually congregates on Broadway as reported by PSKS (Peace in the Streets by Kids from the Streets). In addition, SPD/East Precinct officers have been increasing patrols in the area and the Broadway BIA is working with peer neighborhood organizations to keep the streets clean, address graffiti, and work closely with East Precinct SPD.

## GREATER DUWAMISH


### SODO BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Chuck Armstrong, President of the Seattle Mariners, was the featured speaker at the monthly SODO Business Association at the new Silver Cloud Stadium Hotel on May 10. After a brief talk about his background and how he came to the Mariners organization, he provided more specifics regarding the state of the team, and the stadium as a business in SODO. He also mentioned that the property owned by the Mariners Organization just south of the Stadium has yet to be developed, but felt it could be tremendous location for mixed use.

SODO Business Association just recently published 4000 Emergency Preparedness Guides for the Greater Duwamish with the assistance of City grants (OED). They have offered the template to any business community that wants to, or is thinking about creating a guide for their business community. SODO Business Association also just received another Office of Economic Development grant for a SODO clean up program.

The Manufacturing Industrial Council Executive Committee met (5/22) to hear from WSDOT on the proposed Viaduct and Tunnel renovations (\$915 million). The MIC plans to stay involved regarding the design options being considered and make their opinions known. Also the new WSDOT definitions for road capacity are of concern when transportation options for Viaduct replacement are being considered in the future. Participants were skeptical of the waterfront surface option.

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## Mayor's Customer Service Bureau

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Other Issues raised included : the difficulty of getting the word out on great industrial news, the projected strong manufacturing growth in the area with a lack of qualified people to fill jobs, contemporaneous development projects adversely impacting truck mobility and business.

## LAKE UNION

### HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Some members of the community continue to oppose the School District's proposal to renovate Hamilton Middle School at its present site at 1610 N 41st St. To renovate the building, the District needs the City to allow departure from 1) less than required parking; 2) greater than allowed height; 3) greater than allowed lot coverage, 4) less than required building setbacks and 5) continued on-street bus loading and unloading. The Departure Advisory Committee, made up of neighborhood residents, School District, and City representatives began meeting at the District's request. The Committee will have 90 days to make its recommendation. In addition, the Seattle Board of Parks Commission began meeting to discuss the School District's request for property lot line adjustment from the Parks Department.

## NORTHEAST

### UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CENTER TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD

Seattle Public Schools has completed its appraisal of the Center and has informed University Heights (UHCCA) that they will release that document soon. The School District has indicated to staff at UHCCA that they are ready to negotiate, having agreed late last year that they want to sell the building and would like to sell to the UHCCA. UHCCA and Friends of University Heights have been working with the Cascade Land Conservancy (under a contract through a Small and Simple award) to determine strategies for acquisition. As the "centerpiece" of the University Community Urban Center plan, securing University Heights Center as a community center was pivotal in 1998 when the plan was adopted and is even more important today, as the neighborhood becomes denser. Of the hundreds of items in the neighborhood plan, the fact that saving the University Heights Center was one thing everyone agreed on indicates the strength of the public mandate.

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## Community Activist GROVER HAYNES Receives the Jefferson Award

Grover Haynes, a longtime Rainier Valley activist and community leader, recently received the citywide Jefferson Award. The Jefferson Awards, sponsored by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and the American Institute for Public Service, honor ordinary people who do extraordinary things for other people, their community, their nation, or the environment.

Mr. Haynes serves as president of the Lakewood-Seward Park Neighborhood Association and the Genesee Merchants' Association and has been involved with both organizations for over a decade. He is also a member of the Rainier Historical Society; he serves on the Municipal League Transportation and Issues Committee. Additionally, he is involved in the Columbia Lakewood Community Church as president and as executive director.

Haynes also served as the president of the South End Crime Prevention Council for 10 years. Haynes and his family have lived in the Lakewood neighborhood for 42 years. 🌐



# Downtown District

Downtown neighborhoods are a hub of activity this summer. In July, several neighborhoods are putting on events that are expected to draw large crowds.

On July 7, the annual Fire Festival will return to Pioneer Square. The highlight of this year's festival will be the Firefighter Combat Challenge. Often featured on ESPN, the Firefighter Combat Challenge pits over 70 teams of firefighters against one another in what is often billed as "the toughest 2 minutes in sports." The Fire Festival is an all day event featuring plenty of kids activities, entertainment and even a hot dog eating contest! For more info, visit [www.pioneersquare.org/fire.html](http://www.pioneersquare.org/fire.html)

On July 14th and 15th, the Chinatown/International District will host the 32nd Annual Summer Festival. The 2 day festival features a wide variety of entertainment, vendor, children's activities and tasty cuisine. This is the largest Pan-Asian street festival in the Pacific Northwest and is part of the Seafair activities in July. For more information, visit [www.cidbia.org](http://www.cidbia.org).

The Pike Place Market turns 100 on August 17th. The Market has presented a variety of events and activities throughout different neighborhoods this year leading up to the big day. Between August 10 - 17 there will be a week long centennial celebration culminating in a big day-long party at the Market on the 17th. 🌐

## HAPPENINGS in your neighborhood NORTHWEST

### NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING

#### A. Goodhue School Property Update

Plans for the former Nellie Goodhue School site, located near Roosevelt Way and Meridian Ave N in the Haller Lake neighborhood, are now moving forward. The developer (Wu Construction LLC) has conducted the necessary analyses required by the City and has been working with members of the community to discuss environmental, traffic, and design issues. They are now in the permitting stage for a proposed development of 26 single-family lots. In a recent communication with the Haller Lake Community Club, Mr. Wu indicated that they have submitted the preliminary plat package to DPD and have applied for appropriate permits for the subdivision process. In addition to maintaining N 140th as a dead-end street, they plan to maintain a portion of open space that the community has requested, along with keeping several important trees along Burke Ave N.

## SOUTHEAST

### TRAFFIC ON RAINIER AVE TOO FAST

"Slow Down." That's the message from the City of Seattle. A new billboard on Rainier Ave is asking drivers to think about safety. The billboards originate from the Rainier Traffic Safety Project. The initiative this year will implement \$185,000 in street safety improvements. The Department of Transportation says similar programs around the country have resulted in a 25 percent decrease in serious accidents.

SDOT will keep the messaging on the billboards simple – "slow down." There are over 100 languages spoken in the Rainier Valley, which has the largest percentage of recent immigrants in Seattle. The Seattle Department of Transportation's study of the Rainier Corridor revealed that over 600 crashes occurred in 2006. The City is working to reduce these numbers. For more information go to [www.seattle.gov/rainiersafety](http://www.seattle.gov/rainiersafety).

### SE SEATTLE CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANNEXATION

On May 3, 1907, after 14 years as an independent town, Columbia City officially became part of the City of Seattle. The community marked the occasion by having the men and boys conduct "a grand clean-up of streets, alleys, and back yards," after which they were "given a supper by the women of Columbia in the town hall." A century later, the neighborhood celebrated its annexation centennial with music, historical programs, and the dedication of a Centennial Tree by Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels.

The Rainier Valley Historical Society hosted its 116th Annual Meeting at the Rainier Valley Cultural Center. RVHS President Buzz Anderson and Director Mikala Woodward presented "The Last Mayor of Columbia City," a slide show telling the story of Columbia City's founding in 1891, its annexation in 1907, and the role of Mayor W.W. Phalen - grocer, baseball player, calithumpian extraordinaire - who presided over Columbia's annexation. Mayor Greg Nickels attended to offer his congratulations on the centennial.

# Job Opportunity at the Department of Neighborhoods!

Job Title: Neighborhood Plan Implementation Coordinator  
(Planning & Development Specialist II)

Salary: \$27.69 to \$32.22 (DOE)

Department: Neighborhoods

Location: Seattle Municipal Tower, 17th floor

Full/Part Time: Full Time, One Position

Deadline: Apply before Sunday at 5pm, July 22nd

## Position Duties:

Functions as the City's point person for tracking and monitoring the City's responses to neighborhood plan implementation (NPI) work. Prepares NPI updates and status reports for multiple audiences and in a variety of formats. This position leads and facilitates multi-department efforts in responding to community inquiries/requests regarding plan implementation and coordinates small scale, issue specific planning efforts. Assists the Department's Neighborhood District Coordinators with preparation and presentation of information to communities about NPI. Coordinates and leads the Department's responsibilities related to the implementation of the Neighborhood Street Fund/Cumulative Reserve Fund/Bridging the Gap community process in collaboration with SDOT and Parks. Coordinates regular updates of the NPI database with all City departments to ensure that data is up-to-date and accurate, including collection and research of Citywide information, analysis of data and data input. Trains staff to use the database and works with IT staff to identify database enhancements and/or alternative methods for tracking NPI. Participates in the assessment of current database and in the development of a new database, if necessary, to track progress on revised or updates neighborhood plans.

The Department's priorities are Building Strong Communities, Advancing Race Relations and Social Justice, Investing in Academic Success for All Kids, and Delivering Excellence in Service. Our motto is "Connecting people, communities, and government". This position represents the Department and its priorities, as well as City government, to the public. To that end, strong customer service skills and the ability to work with diverse populations are critical.


## Required Qualifications

Requires two years of experience in planning, research and evaluation related to land use, urban economics, human services, environmental issues, conservation; or other work directly related to City planning and development work; and a baccalaureate degree in planning, urban design, environmental studies, public administration, or related field (or a combination of education and/or training and/or experience which provides an equivalent background required to perform the work of the class).

## Desired Qualifications the Successful candidate will have:

- excellent written and verbal communication skills

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# Focus on the North District...

The North District of Seattle is home to such neighborhoods as Jackson Park, Lake City Maple Leaf, Meadowbrook, North Matthews Beach, Olympic Hills, Pinehurst, and Victory Heights. These neighborhoods are quite diverse, despite perceptions, and have been great places for people of all backgrounds to raise a family. This month, we take a close look at issues and events going on there.

## North Helpline Negotiates with the Low Income Housing Institute

The Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) has recently pressed Helpline to provide upfront funding for its planned building in Lake City. The two groups are also trying to resolve different concepts of Helpline's ground floor space in the building. Helpline wants mainly a shell with multi-purpose space; LIHI appears to want a fully built-out floor, and thus wants money from Helpline to help pay for architectural services. Helpline will soon discuss the situation with HSD. In case the collaboration with LIHI falls through, Helpline is looking at other warehouse-type buildings in Lake City that it might acquire. In any event, Helpline needs at least to find interim space to move into by July 2008. The Lake City Development Council and Chamber have been working with Helpline to examine options. The North District Coordinator is helping as well.

## Green Spaces Forum Attracts Large North District Crowd

Over 50 people from the North District shared ideas about the future of neighborhood green spaces at a forum sponsored by the Seattle Audubon Society. Through its Neighborhood Greening and Livability Project, Audubon is helping to set the agenda for a greener North Seattle. Work groups will be formed to improve the state of green spaces in North District neighborhoods.

## North District Council Endorses "Clean Up Your Act"

The North District Council has sent City Councilmembers a letter supporting the Mayor's proposed nuisance property owner legislation. Thanks to DPD's Clay Thompson for his presentation to the District Council. Also at the District Council's May meeting, Katie Gray, the new Parks program manager for the North End, introduced herself. She



pledged to work with neighborhoods on programs at community centers and other Parks facilities. The District Council also reviewed the Pinehurst Shelter House Improvements Large Fund award application to the City.

## Lake City Community Council Mulls 33rd Ave NE Design Charette

The Greater Lake City Community Council wants to host a design charette this fall for 33rd Ave NE in the Lake City civic core. Three development projects are being planned along 33rd Ave NE between NE 125th St and NE 130 St: a Kauri Investments mixed-use building; Low Income Housing Institute apartments for homeless veterans and singles; and Seattle Housing Authority family housing. The Community Council would like to see sidewalks and other amenities along 33rd Ave NE, including green space and a connection to the mid-block pedestrian passageway that runs east-west through the core area between NE 125th and NE 127th St. The North District Coordinator has contacted DPD about assistance with the charette.

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## Safeway Design Work Pleases Pinehurst Community Council

Design ideas for a renovated Pinehurst Safeway store were presented at the Pinehurst Community Council's May meeting. The dialogue has been very good, and Safeway appears to have come through with what the community has asked for. DPD and Safeway are discussing the land use specifics that need to happen before Safeway can apply for a change in use.

## Lake City Chamber Receives OED Grant

OED has awarded the Lake City Chamber of Commerce \$12,500 to help the Chamber and the Lake City Development Council form a Business Improvement Area (BIA). The Chamber and Council plan to work with the City's newly-hired BIA consultant. 🌐

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- ability to work effectively and collaboratively with co-workers, other City staff, and the public
- ability to maintain an Access database and create queries and reports with complex table relationships
- familiarity with neighborhood planning processes and experience with community groups involved in planning and plan implementation
- an understanding of community empowerment and civic engagement models and practices, especially those that effectively engage traditionally disenfranchised groups
- ability to prioritize work and be flexible when priorities change

- work independently, be a self starter and able to move forward with assignments given broad parameters
- conversational language skills in other languages that broadly represent the city such as Spanish, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Mandarin, Cantonese, Somali, Tagalog, or Korean will be highly valued

Note: Title and salary are subject to classification approval.

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